

RECENT ANIMAL STORIES



'Crusty' the Hedgehog came to Secret World in a very poorly state. Like many hedgehogs this year he was suffering from malnutrition, combined with a very bad case of ringworm (pictured below). 'Crusty' would not have survived the winter without support. With the help of Secret World, 'Crusty' is now back on track to make a full recovery. He has



undergone treatment for ringworm and is feeding well and putting on weight (main picture, left). It is hoped he will be well enough to be released in Spring. 'Crusty' will live to fight another day!



'Sinker' was an unfortunate swan that arrived at Secret World with fishing tackle stuck in his throat, as can be seen in the x-ray (left). Unfortunately he had to be

operated on in order to remove the obstruction in his throat but we are happy to report he made a full recovery and was successfully released. 'Sinker' was just one of the many swans that came to our doors looking for help. On average we receive 300-400 swans each year and a startling 85% of these are brought in due to problems with fishing tackle.

Another brief visitor to the centre was the '**Fantastic Gymnastic Mr Fox**'. He came to Secret World after falling through the ceiling of a shopping mall in Weston-Super-Mare. Luckily for Mr Fox he landed on a pile of handbags and did not sustain any major injuries. Secret World are pleased to report that 'Fantastic Gymnastic Mr Fox' was successfully released and hopefully he will not be going near any shopping malls again!



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A **Buzzard** found by Avon & Somerset Police out on the beat! Quick to come to the aid of not just humans but wildlife too, PC Christopher Adams of Avon & Somerset Police thought it odd when he found a grounded buzzard in Mina Road Park in Bristol. Having not moved for days he was certain all was not well and rang Secret World for backup. The poorly buzzard was brought to Secret World, in early March, where he was found to have a nasty mouth infection. He's now being treated and we hope to have him back on his wings shortly.

Tiny badger cub '**Aquarius**' came to us recently from the Somerset area after being dragged from its home by a terrier who seemed to think it was a canine puppy in need of care. Set to make a full recovery the cub is now being fed once every two hours and his small bite wound has been treated....



Aztec Security To The Rescue - Two security guards at Aztec West in Almondsbury, were concerned when they saw that one of the pair of swans on Aztec West lake had an injured leg. Unwilling to see her suffer they called Secret World who quickly despatched one of their specially trained volunteer Response Drivers to carefully catch her and bring her to Secret World for treatment. Trained animal carers are now caring for her around the clock until her leg is healed and she can once more be returned to her anxious partner.

